

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

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B3 1. (currently amended) A locking and securing device for securing a first support to a second support, comprising

a means for securing the first support to the second support, the securing means includes a securing pin and a handle positioned at substantially the center point of the securing pin, the securing means being movably attached to the first support and being movable between a secured position and an unsecured position with respect to the second support by using a force substantially coaxial center point of the securing means;

a means for locking the securing means to the first support when the securing means is in the secured position in the second support, the locking means being integrally formed with the securing means handle, the locking means being in an offset relationship with respect to the securing pin; and,

the securing means and the locking means being rotatably moveable about a longitudinal axis extending through the securing means, the locking means and the securing means and being longitudinally moveable along the longitudinal axis thereby allowing the securing means to be moveable between the secured position and the unsecured position and thereby allowing the locking means to be moveable between a locked position and an unlocked position.

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3. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim 2-1, wherein the securing pin is ~~position~~ positioned at a right angle with respect to a plane defined by the ~~second~~ first support.

4. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim 2-1, wherein the handle is integrally formed with the locking means.

5. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 4, wherein the locking means includes an engaging means for engagement with the first support when the locking means is in the locked position.

6. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 5, wherein the first support is operatively connected to a means for engagement with the engaging means of the locking means.

7. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 6, wherein the securing means is positioned at an angle with respect to the engagement means and extends through an opening in the engagement means.

8. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 1, wherein the securing means further includes at least one biasing means for holding the securing means in the secured position.

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9. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 8, wherein the securing means includes a second further biasing means for holding the locking means in the locked position.

10. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 9, wherein the first biasing means and the second biasing means are coaxially positioned on the securing means.

11. (previously amended) The locking and securing device of claim 9, wherein the first and second biasing means are spaced apart from one another by a rivet pin extending radially through the securing means.

12. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 11, wherein the rivet pin is positioned in the securing pin at substantially a midpoint along a longitudinal length of the securing pin.

13. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim 2-1, wherein the handle and the securing pin are at an angle with respect to each other and are in the same plane with respect to each other.

14. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim 13, wherein the locking means includes an engaging means which is ~~in a spaced apart~~

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~~relationship to the handle and is positioned~~ at an angle to the handle, the engaging means and the handle each defining planes that are perpendicular to each other.

15. (currently amended) A locking and securing device comprising a securing mechanism for securing a first support to a second support, the securing mechanism including a longitudinally extending securing pin and a handle positioned in a ~~spaced apart and~~ substantially coaxially centered relationship with respect to the securing pin, the handle being positioned at substantially a center point of the securing pin, the securing mechanism further including a locking member positioned adjacent the handle in a spaced apart relationship to the securing pin;

the securing pin being moveable between a secured position and an unsecured position and the locking member being moveable between a locked position and an unlocked position.

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17. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim ~~46~~ 15, wherein the securing pin is positioned at an right angle with respect to the ~~second~~ first support.

18. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim ~~46~~ 15, wherein the handle is integrally formed with the locking member.

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19. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 17, wherein the locking member includes an engaging section for engagement with the first support when the locking means is in the locked position.

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21. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim 20-19, wherein the securing pin ~~is positioned at an angle with respect to the engagement member and~~ extends through an opening in the engagement member when the locking means is in the locked position.

22. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 15, wherein the securing mechanism further includes at least one first biasing member coaxially positioned on one end of the securing mechanism.

23. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 22, wherein the securing mechanism further includes a second biasing member coaxially positioned on one end of the securing pin in a spaced apart relationship to the first biasing member.

24. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 23, wherein the first biasing member and the second biasing member are coaxially positioned on the securing pin.

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25. (previously amended) The locking and securing device of claim 24, wherein the first and second biasing members are spaced apart from one another by a rivet pin extending radially through the securing pin.

26. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 25, wherein the rivet pin is positioned at substantially a midpoint along the longitudinal length of the securing pin.

27. (currently amended) A locking and securing device comprising an engagement member and a securing mechanism having a securing pin extending in an axial direction through the engagement member,

the securing pin having a radially extending opening extending therethrough for receiving a rivet pin,

a first biasing member coaxially positioned on the securing pin between the rivet pin and a first end of the securing pin,

a second biasing member coaxially positioned on the securing pin between the rivet pin and a second end of the securing pin,

a handle operatively connected to the second end of the securing pin and in a ~~spaced apart and~~ substantially coaxial centered relationship with respect to the securing pin, and,

a locking member integrally formed with the handle wherein the locking member includes an engaging section having a distal end for engagement with the engagement member when the locking member is in a locked position.

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28. (previously amended) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the securing pin is positioned at an angle with respect to the engagement member.

29. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the locking member includes an engaging section having a distal end for engagement with the engagement member when the locking member is in a locked position.

30. (previously amended) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the engagement member is positioned at substantially an angle with respect to the securing pin.

31. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the rivet pin is positioned in the securing pin at substantially a midpoint along a longitudinal length of the securing pin.

32. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the handle and the securing pin are at an angle with respect to each other and are in the same plane with respect to each other.

33. (original) The locking and securing device of claim 32, wherein the locking member includes an engaging section having a distal end which is in a spaced

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apart relationship to the handle and is positioned at an angle to the handle, the distal end and the handle each defining planes that are perpendicular to each other.

34. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim ~~2-1~~, wherein the handle is a plane extending through a line ~~define~~ defined by a Y axis and the securing pin is in a plane extending through a line defined by an X axis, the securing pin and handle being in the same plane as defined by the X and Y axes; the securing pin also being in a ~~spaced apart and~~ parallel relationship with an extending section of the locking ~~member~~ means which is also in a plane defined by the X axis.

35. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 34, further including an engaging means in a spaced apart relationship to the handle, the engaging means being in a plane extending through a line defined by a Z axis in a direction away from the X axis, wherein the Z axis is perpendicular to both the X and Y axes such that a distal end extends from the engaging means in a direction toward the handle whereby the distal end is in a second plane extending through a line defined by a second Y axis.

36. (currently amended) The locking and securing device of claim 15, wherein the handle is a plane extending through a line ~~define~~ defined by a Y axis and the securing pin is in a plane extending through a line defined by an X axis, the securing pin and handle being in the same plane as defined by the X and Y axes;



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the securing pin also being in a spaced apart and parallel relationship with an extending section of the locking member which is also in a plane defined by the X axis.

37. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 36, further including an engaging means in a spaced apart relationship to the handle, the engaging means being in a plane extending through a line defined by a Z axis in a direction away from the X axis, wherein the Z axis is perpendicular to both the X and Y axes such that a distal end extends from the engaging means in a direction toward the handle whereby the distal end is in a second plane extending through a line defined by a second Y axis.

38. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the handle is a plane extending through a line define by a Y axis and the securing pin is in a plane extending through a line defined by an X axis, the securing pin and handle being in the same plane as defined by the X and Y axes; the securing pin also being in a spaced apart and parallel relationship with an extending section of the locking member which is also in a plane defined by the X axis.

39. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 38, further including an engaging means in a spaced apart relationship to the handle, the engaging means being in a plane extending through a line defined by a Z axis in

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a direction away from the X axis, wherein the Z axis is perpendicular to both the X and Y axes such that a distal end extends from the engaging means in a direction toward the handle whereby the distal end is in a second plane extending through a line defined by a second Y axis.

40. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 1, wherein the securing means has no threaded portion.

41. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 1, wherein the locking means has no threaded portion.

42. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 1, wherein the securing and the locking means are secured by being rotated about one half turn.

43. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 1, wherein the securing and the locking means are secured by being rotated about 160° to about 180°.

44. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 15, wherein the securing mechanism has no threaded portion.

45. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 15, wherein the securing mechanism is secured by being rotated about one half turn.

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46. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 15, wherein the securing mechanism is secured by being rotated about 160° to about 180°.

47. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the securing mechanism has no threaded portion.

48. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the securing mechanism is secured by being rotated about one half turn.

49. (previously added) The locking and securing device of claim 27, wherein the securing mechanism is secured by being rotated about 160° to about 180°.

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